

Newsletter Sunday 8th September 2019



What's on this week

- Sun 8th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)
- Mon 9th** 9.00am - Team Meeting (Church)
9.00am - Play and Pray (Church)
3.15pm - Kids Club (Centre)
7.30pm - Leadership Team (Rectory)
- Tues 3rd** 10.00am - Places of Welcome (Church)
3.15pm - Younger Youth (Centre)
- Wed 4th** 9.30am - Toddlers (Church then Centre)
4.00pm - Joint Christian Union (Crescent Baptist Church)
6.00pm - Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7.30pm - Bellringing Practice
- Thurs 12th** 7.30pm - Buildings Meeting (Edlins)
- Fri 13th** 8.20am - Blue Coat Staff Meeting (Church)
8.40am - Blue Coat Academy Assembly (Church)
9.30am - Church Open, cleaners and flower arrangers
10.00am - Finance Committee (Centre)
7.30pm - Signs for Worship (Centre)
- Sat 14th** 12.00pm - Wedding of Stephen Padley and Emma Nicholls (Church)
- Sun 15th** 8.00am - BCP Communion (Church)
9.00am - Parish Communion (Church)
10.45am - Morning Praise with Holy Communion (Church)
4.00pm - Asian Congregation (Church Centre)
6.30pm - Church Hill Praise (Church)



Morning Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7.30am (Church)

Weds 8.00am (Blue Coat)

Further Ahead

- Thurs 19th** 7.30pm - Deanery Synod (Holy Ascension)
- Fri 20th** 9.45am - Blue Coat Festival Planning Meeting (Federation House)
6.30pm - Heritage Evening (Church)
- Sat 21st** 10.30am - Heritage Open Weekend

**Worshipping God; Equipping his people;
Growing his kingdom; Serving Walsall**

Prayer Requests

From our prayer cards and email prayers... please give thanks with Maurneed for the improvement in her healthy. Please pray for Janie, Mark, Andrew, Georgina, Carl, Suki, Sue Webster, Marian Masters and Richard Green. We pray for the family and friends of Philip Venables.

Baptisms

For anyone interested we will be having baptisms by immersion on Sunday 22nd September at the 10.45am service. If you would like to be baptised, please speak to Jim.

Heritage Day - Volunteer Bakers

As part of the Heritage Day on the 21st September we will be hosting an Afternoon Tea. We need volunteers to bake cakes for the occasion; fairy cakes, tray bakes, chocolate cakes, gluten free - cakes of all variety! If you are able to help, please sign up at the back of Church or speak to Hannah Dallaway 07583092209

Spring Harvest is coming to Wolverhampton on Wednesday 25th September at All Nations Church, Temple Street. 7.30pm. Tickets 10 and 8 on door, or 8 and 6 in advance. I would like to go but not on my own. if anyone wants to come let me know. Sue Webster 01922 629547

Christian community conversation with Mayor

Mayor of the West Midlands Andy Street, Black Country Churches Engaged and Transforming Communities Together are inviting Black Country Christians to join them in celebrating the amazing social work being undertaken by the Christian community in the area and to thank them personally for their role in it. Booking details can be obtained from Jim.

Lifts to Church If anyone would be happy to be put on a list offering occasional lifts to other members of the congregation then please speak to me. We have a few already but it would be wonderful if we could add some more to cover holidays etc. Thank you, Anne Tolley

Crèche Volunteers The babies and toddlers at St Matthew's are growing so quickly! If you would be interested in volunteering once a month for the Crèche, please speak to Hannah Dallaway. Thank you

Ethical Money Walsall Saturday 14th September 'A time to explore connections between faith and money'. An interactive workshop led by Colin Darling, 10am-1pm at St Pauls, The Crossing. To register email colin.darling@eccr.org.uk and for more information check www.eccr.org.uk

New Wine Day in Telford - Saturday 14th September A day of teaching and worship, led by Mark Aldridge from New Wine. This day will give opportunities to worship God, listen to teaching from Mark, and pray together. Don't miss it! More specific details to follow, so stay up to date by checking out our website, www.allsaints-wellington.org. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. There will be a small unsupervised crèche area with a video and sound link too in case you attend with little ones. The day will be followed by an evening celebration. It's free, but ticketed, so please click on this link to book. If you are interested in going, speak to Sue Webster. Webster.

Diocesan Digest at 30! The Diocesan Digest Sound Magazine of Lichfield Cathedral for blind or partially sighted people celebrates 30 years of continuous monthly production with a service of choral evensong in the cathedral on Sunday 22 September at 3pm. The service will be followed by tea and cake and all are welcome. Chairman Eric Harding said: "This is a truly wonderful milestone. We rely on the dedication of our volunteers to make sure the magazine is recorded and dispatched every month without fail." The magazine was originally sent out on tapes but now is sent on memory stick or can be heard online. Find out more on Facebook

@diocesandigest. If you know of potential listeners, or would like to support the work, ring 07986 954859 or email soundmag@lichfield-cathedral.org

Youth Evangelism Fund The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby said: 'I am committed to seeing the next generation of young people mobilised in mission – both in words and actions. As we build on the investment of the Youth Evangelism Fund, I look forward to seeing young people in mission, taking a lead in seeing communities transformed by Christ.' Applications can be made for amounts up to £2,000 and must be made by someone under the age of 18 from any denomination. That young person may be assisted in making the application by their youth leader or parent, but it must be clear that the first part of the application is being made by the young person. The second part should be filled in by the youth leader so we have a contact point and so as to comply with our safeguarding procedures www.churchofengland.org/yef

Together 2020 Save the date Start the New Year and a new decade with a mega Christian celebration Saturday 4th January 2020 5pm - 8pm Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich. Book a place on the St Matthew's coach for a multi-generational gathering of people from all over the Black Country to celebrate what God is doing and to imagine what is yet to come. Don't miss out! Booking details to follow.

CAP Money Course An opportunity to join with other churches across the UK to bring a revolutionary free money management course and the love of Jesus to the community. To find out more and register your interest, please contact our CAP Money team: 01274 760567 info@capmoneycourse.org or speak to Jim

St Matthew's Church Giving

You can give direct to the church via online banking, a standing order or www.stewardship.org.uk/giving/give.
Account Name - St Matthews Walsall Parish Church (Lloyds Bank)
Sort code - 30-99-06
Account Number - 00060947
Reference - Donate
Or by contactless payment at the machine at the back of the church.



Easyfundraising

For almost ALL online purchases, a small percentage (around 1%) can be given to St Matthew's at NO cost to you. This comes via an agreement with online retailers. It's EASY! For more information, speak to Kirsten.

Mental Health First Aid The Mental Health First Aid <http://bit.ly/2YBtco8> course at Doxey, Stafford, will take place on Wednesday 2nd and 16th October at the same venue. If you'd like to attend

Steve Legg at St Thomas' Aldridge 13th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and include a light meal, can be obtained from St Thomas' Church Office on 01922 453942 or from Keith Capp on 01922 453615. Steve is an evangelist from West Sussex who has travelled widely both in the UK and internationally using a mixture of comedy, trickery and escapology to communicate the gospel. More detail is available at <http://bit.ly/2Mir9NG>. (Jim has seen Steve a number of times and highly recommends him!)



RUOK coordinators

If you notice someone is missing from church, why not give them a ring or speak to one of our RUOK coordinators?

Our coordinators are:

- 8.00am service – Helen Robinson
- 9.00am service - Jim Trood
- 10.45am service – Rita Chilton
- 6.30pm service – David & Penny Hunt



Clergy Contacts:

Rev Jim Trood – 07939 587208 (Day off Tuesday)
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- ◇ **Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Anne Tolley 07518 339606
- ◇ **Email Prayer Requests** (non-confidential) stmatts.prayer@outlook.com
- ◇ **Homegroups:** To find out more please get in touch with Judith Ridgway 07490 488144 / ridgway@talktalk.net or Priscilla Trood 07984 626 637 / priscillatrood@btinternet.com
- ◇ **Prayer Triplets Coordinator:** Kirsten Robson
kirstenrobson1@gmail.com

Staff Contacts:

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Hannah Morris - Kids Worker

Adrian Perks – Centre Manager - 07954 138350.
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Kirsten Robson - Church Office - 01922 626039 or 07759 708091
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Barbara Parker - Safeguarding Officer - 01922 649909

New to St Matthew's? Welcome! Please fill out a connect card which can be found in the back of the chairs and post it in the connect box on the welcome desk. We would love to keep in touch and get to know you more.

Website: www.stmatthewswalsall.co.uk

